

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1 to 18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A method of code generation comprising the steps of:

compiling a source code thereby generating an object file comprising object code and intermediate code;

optimizing the intermediate code into optimized intermediate code; and

linking the object file including

receiving the object file including object code and intermediate code,

providing intermediate code to be optimized including providing only portions of the intermediate code,

receiving optimized intermediate code, and

producing executable code from the object file including object code and optimized intermediate code.

20. (Canceled)